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TAGS:BPRO, BTIO

SUBJECT:SPC SKIPJACK TUNA SURVEY

1. PLANS FOR SUBJECT SURVEY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED OVER A

PERIOD OF YEARS BY AN EXPERT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION AND HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE INDO-PACIFIC FISHERIES COUNCIL, ICLARM AND NOAA INTER ALIA. WE BELIEVE COMPLETION SURVEY WILL MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO REALIZATION OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED YIELD THIS MAJOR RESOURCE AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS.

2. AID IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER FINANCING A PORTION OF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT IF ADEQUATE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. WE CONSIDER UP TO 150,000 DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS AN APPROPRIATE U.S. CONTRIBUTION IN RELATION TO PRESENT ESTIMATE OF 2.1 MILLION DOLLARS TOTAL COST.

3. IT NOW APPEARS ADEQUATE FINANCING MAY BE IN SIGHT. AUSTRALIA REPORTEDLY NEAR DECISION ON CONTRIBUTION OF AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS 200,000 PER YEAR. NEW ZEALAND HAS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE NEW ZEALAND DOLLARS 120,000 PER YEAR. UNDERSTAND UK AND CANADA PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE AND BELIEVE JAPAN AND FRANCE MAY CONTRIBUTE

BUT THEIR INTENTIONS NOT YET CLEAR. POSSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GERMANY, NETHERLANDS AND EEC HAS BEEN MENTIONED BUT NOT CONFIRMED.

4. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TAKE LEAD IN WORKING WITH SPC TO EXPEDITE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNDING AND LAUNCHING PROJECT. U.S. PREPARED TO COOPERATE AS APPROPRIATE.
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5. FOR WELLINGTON AND CANBERRA: REQUEST YOU DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, URGE THEM TO TAKE LEAD IN COORDINATING DONOR EFFORTS AND REQUEST THEY KEEP US CLOSELY INFORMED OF RESULTS. ESPECIALLY URGENT WE KNOW THEIR BEST ESTIMATE OF WHEN IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO FINALIZE FUNDING COMMITMENTS.

6. FOR TOKYO AND PARIS: REQUEST YOU CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, ADVISE THEM OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT AND URGE THEM TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION. THEIR DIRECT ECONOMIC INTEREST AS WELL AS THEIR RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES IN THE AREA SHOULD MILITATE IN FAVOR THEIR CONTRIBUTING. UNDERSTAND YUKIO ONDA, DIRECTOR, R&D FISHING AGENCY AND TADEYUKI NONOYAMA, DIRECTOR, OCEANIA DIVISION, MFA HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH PROJECT IN JAPAN AND THAT AMBASSADOR PIERRE REVOL, CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE SPC AT QUAI WOULD BE INVOLVED IN FRENCH DECISION.

7. FOR LONDON AND OTTAWA: REQUEST YOU CONSULT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, INFORM THEM OF OUR INTENT TO SUPPORT PROJECT AND OUR HOPE THAT THEY WILL PARTICIPATE.

8. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES: REQUEST YOU ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR PROJECT AND SOUND THEM OUT ON POSSIBLE SUPPORT IF APPROPRIATE.

9. REQUEST REPORTS AND WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM ALL ADDRESSEES. REQUEST STATUS REPORT BY 11 MARCH.

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